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SUBJECT: REACTION TO AYACUCHO MEETING

BEGIN SUMMARY: CARACAS PRESS IS GIVING HEAVY COVERAGE TO AYACUCHO CEREMONIES AND THE MULTIPLE ACTIVITIES OF PRESIDENT PEREZ. HEADLINES ARE FOCUSING ON PEREZ'S PROPOSALS FOR ANEW LATIN AMERICAN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION AND FOR A 1975 MEETING OF ALL LATIN AMERICAN PRESIDENTS IN CARACAS. THIS MESSAGE SUMMARIZES THE MAIN DEVELOPMENTS AT THE LIMA MEETING AS REPORTED BY THE PRINCIPAL LOCAL DAILIES. END SUMMARY.

1. NEW LA COLLECTIVE SYSTEM -- PRESS PORTRAYS THE "DECLARATION OF AYACUCHO" AS CALLING FOR A NEW LATIN AMERICAN COLLECTIVE SYSTEM BASED ON THE NEED TO DEFEND NATURAL RESOURCES, PROTECT PRICES, REGULATE FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND CONTROL TRANSNATIONAL ENTERPRISES. MAJOR DAILIES, "EL NACIONAL" AND "EL UNIVERSAL" CARRY EXTENSIVE UNCLASSIFIED

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SUMMARIES OF PEREZ'S EXHORTATIONS TO THE LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS TO

FORM A NEW SYSTEM OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC UNITY, BASED ON BOLIVAR'S ORIGINAL CONCEPT. PAPERS HIGHLIGHTED PEREZ'S VIEW THAT SUCH AN ORGANIZATION WOULD SERVE THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE OF LATIN AMERICA AND NOT THE PERIPHERAL INTERESTS OF THE WORLD'S GREAT POWERS, THAT IT WAS NOT INSPIRED BY HOSTILITY TOWARDS OTHERS, AND THAT IT SHOULD BE FREE OF NATIONAL PAROCHIALISM. "OFFICIAL SOURCES" ARE CITED AS STATING THAT THIS ORGANIZATION WOULD EXCLUDE THE U.S. THESE UNNAMED SOURCES DID NOT INDICATE WHETHER THIS NEW ORGANIZATION WOULD REPLACE THE OAS, BUT THEY DID EXPRESS THE VIEW THAT THE OAS IS SERIOUSLY AILING. THE PAPERS ALSO REPORT PEREZ'S OFFER TO ALLOT 20 PER CENT OF THE FUNDS OF THE AYACUCHO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR USE BY OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

2. CARACAS SUMMIT--PEREZ'S INVITATION TO A MEETING NEXT YEAR OF ALL LATIN AMERICAN PRESIDENTS IN CARACAS IS ALSO RECEIVING HEAVY COVERAGE. "EL NACIONAL" CITED AP REPORT THAT PURPOSE OF MEETING WOULD BE TO REVITALIZE THE INTEGRATION MOVEMENT IN LATIN AMERICA AND SEEK A BETTER SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP WITH THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, SO THAT LATIN AMERICA WOULD NO LONGER BE CONSIDERED A "MARGINAL REGION" IN WORLD AFFAIRS.

3. RELATIONS WITH COLOMBIA--"EL NACIONAL" REPORTED THAT PEREZ WOULD MEET THIS WEEK WITH COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT LOPEZ MICHELSEN, BUT NOTED THAT PEREZ DID NOT EXPECT TO REACH AGREEMENT AT THIS MEETING ON THE BOUNDARY DISPUTE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. PEREZ REPORTEDLY DENIED ANY POSSIBILITY OF AN ARMED CONFRONTATION BETWEEN COLOMBIA AND VENEZUELA AND REMARKED THAT VENEZUELAN ARMED FORCES WERE DESIGNED EXCLUSIVELY TO ENSURE THE FREEDOM OF THE VENEZUELAN PEOPLE.

4. OTHER BILATERALS--PRESS REPORTED THAT PEREZ HAD REPEATED TO BOLIVIAN PRESIDENT BANZER VENEZUELA'S SUPPORT FOR THE MARITIME ASPIRATIONS OF BOLIVIA. THEY QUOTE BANZER AS TELLING THE PRESS, FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH PEREZ, THAT VENEZUELAN ECONOMIC COOPERATION

AND AID REPRESENTED ONE OF THE PILLARS OF BOLIVIA'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. PRESS NOTED PEREZ'S FORTHCOMING MEETING WITH ECUADOREAN PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ LARA. ALSO COVERED WAS PEREZ'S ACCEPTANCE OF GENERAL OMAR TORRIJOS' INVITATION TO A CONFERENCE OF LATIN AMERICAN PRESIDENTS IN PANAMA TO COMMEMORATE THE 150TH

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ANNIVERSARY OF THE PANAMA CONGRESS. PEREZ REPORTEDLY GAVE TO TORRIJOS HIS FULL SUPPORT FOR THE "PANAMAZATION" OF THE PANAMA CANAL.

5. DIFFICULTIES WITH PERUVIAN AUTHORITIES--"EL NACIONAL" CARRIED FRONT PAGE REPORT OF A PROTEST BY THREE PROMINENT MEMBERS OF PEREZ'S DELEGATION TO PERUVIAN AUTHORITIES. THEY CLAIM PERUVIAN GUARDS TRIED TO PREVENT THEIR ENTRY AND "TRAMPLED" THEM AT THE

ENTRANCE TO THE NATIONAL PALACE. THE VENEZUELANS WERE RAMON ESCOVAR SALOM, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PRESIDENCY; SENATOR RAMON VELEASQUEZ, PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN POLICY; AND SENATOR OCTAVIO LEPAGE, PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE DEFENSE COMMITTEE AND SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ACCION DEMOCRATICA PARTY. THE PAPERS SAID THAT THESE DIGNITARIES WERE FINALLY ADMITTED TO THE CEREMONY TO WHICH THEY HAD BEEN INVITED, BUT ONLY AFTER THEY HAD MADE AN ENERGETIC PROTEST TO THE PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR TO VENEZUELA. GENERALLY, ACCORDING TO THIS ARTICLE, PRESIDENT PEREZ'S SPECIAL GUESTS AND THE VENEZUELAN PRESS WERE HINDERED FROM ATTENDING THE OFFICIAL AYACUCHO CEREMONIES. MCCLINTOCK

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